

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 128, line 7, as follows:

[0216]

If the reproduction-control-method recognition section 240 recognizes the check-in/check-out method (or the [[first]] second reproduction control method) as the reproduction control method of the content reproduction apparatus 20, on the other hand, the reproducibility determination section 242 drives the second reproducibility determination section 242b to produce a result of determination as to whether or not a content to be reproduced is reproducible on the basis of usage rule information described in a license added to the content. The usage rule information includes a limit of the number of permitted reproductions and a reproduction validity term. It is to be noted that, since the reproducibility determination section 242 has about the same functions as the reproducibility determination section 172 employed in a content-processing apparatus 10, details of the reproducibility determination section 242 are not explained.